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Dear Mr. Fetsuga;

Enclosed are new drawings and a new claim sheet. I have been retired for many years and can't afford a patent attorney so I am attempting to file these patent applications on my own. If there is something more you need please contact me.

As you know there is a water shortage crisis in many states so the E.P.A, put a restriction of 1.6 gallons per each new toilet tank. I am convinced that my inventions will save much more water than even with the 1.6 gallon restriction. I think the E.P.A. would like to see my inventions put into production.

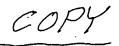
You mentioned the Brown patent that was issued 74 years ago. At that time there was not a water crisis and water was very cheap. This is probably why this valve was never put on the market.

I have checked Home Depot, Lowes, Sears and other outlets and none of them have a dual flush valve in their stores. They all have single flush valves.

It is ridiculous to think that it takes as much water to flush down a few ounces of urine as it does to flush down solid waste.

Sincerely,

Paul B. McKee





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